

PITHY LOCALS.

Mr. J. T. Adams, of Waverly, Ohio, receiver for the Union Construction Company, building the railroad from Wilmington to Southport, arrived in the city Tuesday. He states there is nothing definite about the project as yet.

The receipts of cotton here Wednesday were 170 bales, against 119 bales the corresponding day in March last year. The local market closed firm at 7 cents, against 7 1/2 cents the corresponding day last season.

Mr. Dan Branch, while handling a pistol at Mr. P. L. Fowler's coal and wood yard Wednesday afternoon, accidentally shot his cousin, Mr. Andrew Smith. The ball entered the thigh, but was extracted. The wound is painful, but not serious.

Raleigh Tribune of Tuesday: "The students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college are highly gratified at the appointment of Mr. Henry E. Bonitz of Wilmington, as one of the board of commissioners of the college," said Mr. David Clark yesterday. "This is the first recognition the alumni have ever had on the board."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Wm. Black, of Monroe, was at The Orton Tuesday.

Mr. E. A. Holt, of Burlington, arrived in the city Tuesday evening.

Mr. John H. Morrison, of Lumberton, was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. E. H. Jennings, of Fayetteville, came down to the city Wednesday.

The Rev. A. McFadyen, of Clarkton, was registered at The Orton Wednesday.

Mr. C. G. Porter, of Goldsboro, was among Tuesday evening's arrivals in the city.

Dr. W. B. Murphy, of Towahaw, came down to the city Wednesday and was a welcome caller at The Messenger office last evening.

Incendiary Fire.

There was an alarm of fire Tuesday morning at 11:45 from box 17, at Fifth and Nixon streets. The alarm was on account of an attempt to burn the store of John O. Nixon, on Seventh and Nixon streets. Someone crawled under the store and put a lot of light-wood together and started a blaze. The fire was making good headway when it was discovered and put out by the time the fire department got there. There was no damage.

The Shooting Affair.

In Justice J. M. McGowan's court Wednesday Riley Smith, the young white man who fired a revolver at Josie Mintz a few days ago, was given a hearing on the charge of assault and battery and with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The accused was defended by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and was discharged. It was shown that he was attacked with rocks and fired the shot in self defense. It was said also that he carried his pistol in his hand and did not have it concealed.

Josie Mintz was fined \$10 and the costs on the charge of assault. Herbert Bessant, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was discharged for lack of evidence.

Death of Mr. Fred Rhew.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Fred Rhew, one of our oldest citizens, who had a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday morning, as mentioned in The Messenger yesterday. He passed away yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. He would have reached the 77th year of his age on the 20th inst. The deceased leaves a wife and daughter who have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

The remains will be carried on the 2 o'clock train on the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk railway this afternoon to Edgecomb, where the interment will take place in the family burying ground. The following will be the pallbearers: Messrs. M. Mashburn, John F. Everitt, Bryant Hill and C. W. McClammy.

Colonel Sutton Is Judge.

The Messenger's Raleigh representative telegraphed us Wednesday that Colonel Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, has been appointed and commissioned by Governor Russell to be judge of the Eastern criminal circuit court.

Governor Russell ignored the selection of Walter R. Henry by the fusion spoilsmen for the judgeship.

The Messenger a few weeks ago stated on good authority that Judge Sutton would get the appointment.

The Mechanic Ignored.

The republicans always make a parade of their love for the mechanic. It is never anything but a parade and pretense. This was shown when their caucus decreed to elect, and yesterday their governor appointed, J. Y. Hamrick to succeed Mr. B. R. Lacy as labor commissioner. Mr. Lacy is a skilled mechanic, having been a locomotive engineer for sixteen years, and has made a most efficient officer. Mr. Hamrick had but two claims for the place. 1. He declared for Russell more than a year ago; 2. He spent a month in Raleigh in the early part of this session of the legislature working for the election of Pritchard, while claiming to be a populist.

The farmers have their representative in the agricultural department; the educators in the superintendent of public instruction; the lawyers in the attorney general's office and on the bench, and the fishermen in the mayor's commission. But the mechanic alone is denied representation in the department created for his special service. There will be a day of reckoning!—Raleigh News and Observer.

RIVER-HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

Captain William E. Craighill Arrives Here to Succeed Colonel D. P. Heap.

Captain William E. Craighill arrived here Tuesday evening and will succeed Lieutenant Colonel D. P. Heap as chief of the United States engineer corps here in charge of river and harbor improvements. He was seen by a Messenger reporter at The Orton last night, and says he will take charge as soon as the transfer of the affairs of the office can be made.

Captain Craighill comes here from Willet's Point in New York harbor, where he has been stationed as captain of the distinguished General Wm. P. Craighill, who for so many years was the able chief of engineers of the United States engineer corps here in charge of river and harbor improvements. He was seen by a Messenger reporter at The Orton last night, and says he will take charge as soon as the transfer of the affairs of the office can be made.

Colonel Heap has been transferred from here to Staten Island, New York, to be engineer of the Third Light House District. He came to Wilmington in October, 1895, and will leave here in a week or ten days for his new charge. During his term of service in charge of the river and harbor improvements here, Colonel Heap has impressed upon the people his eminent ability as an engineer and has won the highest esteem of our citizens. He and his charming family have been conspicuous members of our social circle, and there is general regret that they are so soon to take their departure from our city.

Under Colonel Heap's administration of the engineer work here, notable and gratifying results have been accomplished in the deepening of the Cape Fear bar and in widening and deepening the channel of the Cape Fear river, from Wilmington to the bar. Our city is to be congratulated that the continuance of this important work falls into the competent hands of Captain Craighill.

The Solitary Grave.

Enquiry has frequently been made of us in regard to a solitary grave in the wilderness near Lebanon chapel, on Wrightsville sound, the headstone bearing this inscription: "Known in Eternity" and the stone at the foot "J. H. H., 1833," nothing more.

More than three score years ago there stood, within a short distance of this lonely grave, a rough log house, with clapboard roof, which was used during the week as a school house for the children of those who spent their summers on the sound, and on Sundays for religious purposes, where in the interregnum between the regular visits of the rector of St. James in Wilmington, the services of the church were conducted by lay readers duly appointed for that purpose.

They were devout and earnest men and commanded the respect and esteem of all classes of society. Dr. Thos. H. Wright was one and there were Mr. James S. Green and Capt. F. N. Gantier and others whose names are not now recalled. Among the teachers of the schools were Mr. George Hooper, who subsequently removed to Alabama, Rev. John Burke, a Roman Catholic priest primarily, but who recanted and connected himself with the Episcopal denomination and was ordained a minister of that church. He was a fine scholar and was as fond of the classics as "MacLaren's," the "Bonnie Brier Bush."

A large number of boys attended the school, the Bradleys, Davises, Burrs, Lippitts, Greens and others, and among them a youth named John J. Hunt. He was a nephew of the Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, at that time pastor of the Presbyterian church in Wilmington and a popular lecturer on temperance. He was a very bright, manly fellow and greatly esteemed by his schoolmates, but in the early fall of 1833, he sickened and died at the residence of Mrs. Giles on Lee's creek, which is still occupied by members of that estimable family. His uncle, the Rev. Mr. Hunt, placed that tombstone over his remains and its singularity caused considerable comment at the time and has given rise to many queries since.

It is a lonely grave in the woods, but the birds sing merrily above it and the last rays of the setting sun throw a halo around it as one reads the only inscription upon the stone of the peaceful sleeper beneath, whose identity has long since been forgotten here, but who is surely "known in eternity."

Now Is the Time

To purify your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. March, April, May are the trying months of the year. At this season your blood is loaded with impurities which have accumulated during the winter, and these impurities must be immediately expelled. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It is the medicine which has accomplished many thousands of remarkable cures of blood diseases. It is what the millions take in the spring to build up health and ward off sickness.

Russell's Mistake.

Russell made a great mistake, for his own and his party's future, in his insistence upon the disgraceful blockade of legislative business in the house the latter part of last week in order to defeat the Southern railway lease. The people may have condemned the lease to the South on account of the long time it had run, but they will condemn far more the blocking of public business by such outrageously unjust means as Russell made his bootlickers in the legislature resort to.—Charlotte Observer.

The Sugar and Wool Schedules.

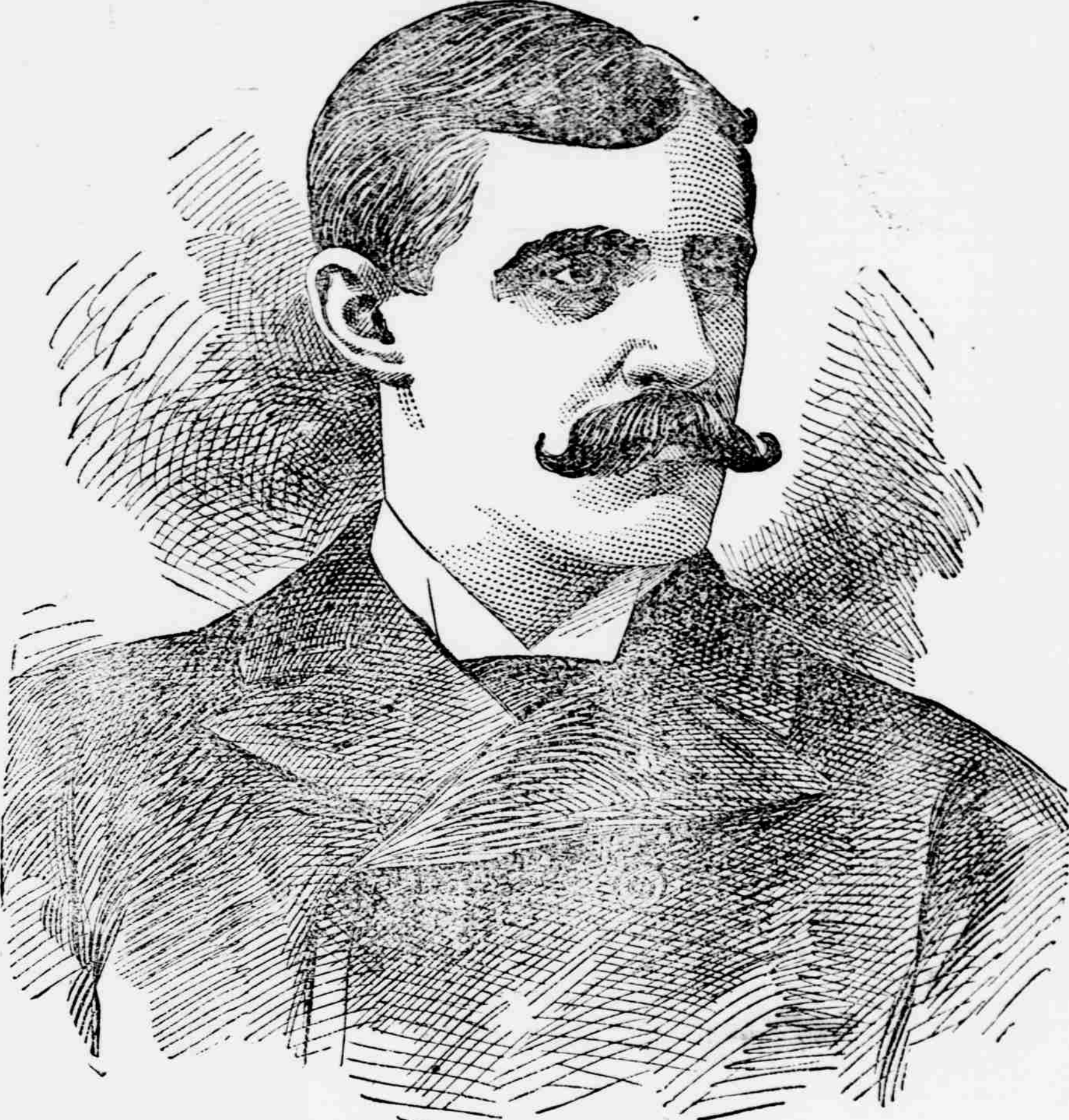
Washington, March 10.—The sugar schedule was finished today by the republican members of the ways and means committee. The conclusions reached were foreshadowed in the Southern Associated Press dispatches of last night. The differential duty was placed at 1/2 of a cent a pound. A countervailing duty against bounty-paying countries was fixed so as to equalize the net amount of the bounty—that is to say, the extra amount of the bounty, less an internal revenue tax levied.

The woolen schedule was taken up at the afternoon and evening sessions and several tentative rates adopted, but another session will be necessary before the schedule is completed.

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MAKES THE WEAK STRONG!

The Foremost Athletic Trainer in America Recommends Paine's Celery Compound



John Graham is the foremost man in American athletics.

It was he who managed the successful team from this country that attracted world-wide attention in the recent Olympic games at Athens.

Formerly trainer for Columbia college, then for Princeton and finally for Harvard university, Mr. Graham had much to do with raising the standard of collegiate sports. A small army of gentlemen have been guided by him since he left Harvard and took his present position, superintendent of the famous gymnasium of the Boston athletic association.

Three of his proteges, White, Brewer and McCarthy, have just won the New England championship at the mile, quarter-mile, and five-mile run. He has trained Weeks of Brown university, one of the best college sprinters in the country.

Many another student of what makes men and women strong has used and has recommended Paine's Celery Compound as the best known remedy for those who are weak and dispirited, the overworked and enfeebled persons who are most concerned in the general awakening of interest in outdoor exercise and indoor attention to the proper rules of health.

It was the latest professor of medicine and surgery in any college, that giant among men, Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL. D., of Dartmouth college, who after years of patient investigation and study, assisted by all that was best in the progress of medical science at home and abroad, first discovered the wonderful formula of Paine's Celery Compound.

There was no doubt of the interest that would be awakened at once by the announcement of any discovery by Prof. Phelps. The formula from the first was furnished to the best physicians, and forthwith this remarkable Paine's Celery Compound was personally used and professionally prescribed by them. The result of the closest investigation might have been expected. It soon required a considerable industry to produce the remedy, and rapidly but steadily, without ceasing, the demand for Paine's Celery Compound has increased, until today there is no other remedy that in comparison begins to hold half the public attention that it holds.

In untold number of cases where every other remedy has been tried and failed, Paine's Celery Compound has attained the wished-for results, making those who are weak and dispirited, rebuilding the worn-out nervous tissue, curing chronic sickness, proving a never-failing and paramount relief for rheumatism, neuralgia, kidney diseases and disorders of the liver, due to the impairment of the person's nervous system, the consequent impoverishment of the blood and the breaking

down in consequence of some particular organ.

When Mr. Graham, writing Jan. 18, 1897, said: "I have used Paine's Celery Compound to my benefit, and I have no doubt that any person undergoing great physical and mental strain would find it of great service. For students especially it ought to be of great value."—When so prominent a student of bodily health, who has no equal, unless, perhaps, one mentions Dr. Sargent of Harvard, with whose methods Mr. Graham became well acquainted at Harvard—when Mr. Graham says bluntly that after his experience he believes others would find Paine's Celery Compound of great service, what man or woman out of perfect health can afford to neglect his well considered and expert advice!

There is no doubt that Paine's Celery Compound cleans the blood of eczema, salt rheum and such humors, not only in the spring, that is so favorable a time, but at any time during the year, so thoroughly that nothing further is ever heard of them.

Paine's Celery Compound has been tested, tried, scrutinized and heartily approved by so many impartial physicians and men and women whose word in any matter would not be questioned for a moment, that one must be stubborn-minded indeed who prefers to hope around half-truths instead of verifying these positive, straightforward statements.

The President to Receive Lillokalanil. Washington, March 9.—President McKinley has signified his intention of receiving Lillokalanil, the former queen of Hawaii, in response to her request for an audience, just as soon as the rush of visitors is over. The president does not intend to make any specific arrangements at this time with any one, excepting senators and others with whom he wishes to consult. If the ex-queen wants to see him she must take her chances with everybody else. At the present time Lillokalanil can see the president by waiting her turn with the scores of public men who want his ear for a moment, but she will not be afforded the opportunity of an extended conversation. Her reception by the president later on will be purely informal.

Two Elopements. Port Monroe, Va., March 10.—The village of Hampton has been quite stirred up over two elopements which occurred there yesterday, the happy couples going to Baltimore to have the nuptial knot tied. The parties were James Guy, an employee at the Newport News shipyard, and Miss Nellie Green, daughter of Mr. Charles Green, chief clerk at the national soldiers' home, and Miss Jennie Darden, daughter of Mr. E. G. Darden, a prominent merchant of Hampton, and Mr. Dorsey Wood, a leading young merchant of the city. Parental objection was the cause of the trouble.

To Renew the Senatorial Fight. Frankfort, Ky., March 9.—When the state senate meets Saturday there will be thirty-three senators sitting and entitled to vote. Five new men will present credentials. Four of these are republicans and the plan of the silver democrats will be to keep them from being seated and thus prevent the election of a republican United States senator. Contests have been filed against the four republicans and the Blackburn people claim to have enough votes to refer their credentials until the contests are passed on. It is going to be the old fight last winter over again.

The Puritan Disabled Off Hatteras. Washington, March 10.—The navy department today received the following dispatch in regard to the disabled monitor Puritan: "Hatteras Cove, N. C., March 10.—1 p. m. 'The Puritan's engines are disabled. One may run a short time, but have a convey ready to tow. We weathered the gale admirably. BARTLETT, Com. Officer.' Secretary of the Navy Long wired this morning to Captain Sands, of the cruiser Columbia at Hampton Roads, Va., to proceed to Hatteras with all dispatch to assist the monitor Puritan, which is reported disabled near Cape Hatteras. The Puritan is lying south of Hatteras life saving station, supported with her machinery disabled. She put into Southport, N. C., on Thursday last for shelter from the heavy weather and it is thought at the navy department that she started from Southport to New York yesterday. The triple screw cruiser Columbia, which has been ordered to the rescue of the monitor Puritan, disabled off Cape Hatteras, can scarcely reach her destination before tomorrow morning. The distance is over 250 miles from Hampton Roads, and the Columbia is not expected, in her present condition, to run over eighteen knots an hour as a maximum. Captain Sands telegraphed the navy department that he would leave at 3 o'clock, which would bring him off Hatteras about 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. In the meantime the naval authorities hope the gale will not increase and that Captain Bartlett, of the Puritan, will be able to keep off shore. Secretary Long has done the best he could by ordering the fastest ship in American waters to the Puritan's relief, the Columbia luckily being in that vicinity. Otherwise it might have taken several days to effect a rescue.

Norfolk, Va., March 10.—The United States monitor Puritan, which left Charleston last Friday and encountered heavy weather all the way up the coast, is now in Roanoke bay, near Durant's life saving station, North Carolina, in a disabled condition and the cruiser Columbia has gone to her assistance. The Puritan, after leaving Charleston, was obliged to anchor in Saturday's storm and shortly afterwards it was discovered that one of her engines was disabled and that she could make but little headway against the heavy sea. After an exceptionally slow trip, however, she arrived off Hatteras late Tuesday evening, when it was discovered that the other engine was working badly. The Puritan steamed back and forth in front of the life saving station, signal-

NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS

Appropriated by the Late Legislature, Four Hundred Bills Left on House Calendar—Meeting of New Boards The Public Printing—Presentations to Officers of the Legislature.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—It is the opinion here that Stewart Brothers are knocked out of the public printing. Query's portrait of Senator Vance will be hung in the hall of the house opposite the portrait of Washington.

The secretary of the state farmers' alliance says he hopes its shoe factory will get to work after the annual meeting next August.

The secretary of state grants a charter to the J. D. Armstrong Live Stock and Dressed Meat Company, of Nash county. B. H. Bunn is one of the incorporators.

No less than 400 bills die on the house calendar, among them the reformatory bill and the bill to amend Raleigh's charter.

G. Ed. Kestler says Rev. Dr. Babb, who gets "tricked" in a few days, is a substitute for the reformatory bill.

James M. Mewborn is to be commissioner of agriculture. Wrenn, Harris and Wimbish are all aspirants for the position of secretary to the board of agricultural commissioners. The term of office of Commissioner S. L. Parker, son does not legally expire until June 16th next, but the fusionists claim that the new law abolishes his office entirely.

The new board of commissioners of agriculture, or rather eight of them, met this afternoon, effected temporary organization and adjourned to meet March 23rd. The new board of trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical college met there this afternoon.

Up to last night 567 acts and resolutions of the legislature had been received by the secretary of state. This afternoon and evening over 200 more were ratified.

State Treasurer Worth, when asked this afternoon what is the total amount of regular, straight and extra appropriations continued or made by this legislature, replied: "Over \$900,000. I will pay the regular and straight ones and pro rate the extra ones."

A joint committee of the legislature, composed of Senators Atwater and Anthony and Representatives Cook, McCrary and Duffy, called on the governor this afternoon to see if he had anything further to lay before the legislature. He said he had nothing further.

W. V. Hall, of Shelby, is appointed chief clerk of the bureau of labor statistics by Commissioner Hamrick.

This afternoon there was nothing done by the house and senate save to ratify bills and make presents. In the house a silver pitcher and goblets were presented by Mr. Lusk to Chief Clerk Masten, for whom Mr. Cunningham responded, and a watch to Reading Clerk Benbow by Mr. McCrary, while Speaker pro tem Blackburn was the recipient of a cane, presented by Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland. All these presents were on behalf of the house.

Wilmington attorneys in attendance on the supreme court are: George Rountree, J. D. Bellamy, Herbert McClammy, Iredell Meares, T. W. Strange and E. K. Bryan.

Speaker Hileman is very sick at his boarding house today. Pneumonia is feared. His temperature is 103.

Battle & Mordcau are of counsel for the Central Trust Company in its suits about the lease of the North Carolina railway.

Burch, a dangerously wounded negro here, confesses that he committed burglary.

Among today's supreme court opinions are the following: Mizell vs. McGowan, from Pitt, new trial; Robbins vs. Ross, from Hertie, affirm.

A half length oil portrait of Governor Johnathan M. Worth was placed on the walls at the executive mansion today. It is the gift of the Worth family, by W. G. Randall and is perhaps his finest piece of work. Randall has rearranged all the portraits in the mansion.

A Bank Teller's Big Mistake.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 10.—Through a clerical error of the paying teller, the First National bank of this city is a loser to the extent of \$3,600. A few days since the Tennessee river logger presented an order given by Snodgrass & Fields for \$400 at the bank. Charles Knoedler, the teller, opened his cash drawer and tossed out eight bundles of bank notes, each containing ten \$50 bills. The raftman, whose home is on the French Broad river in extreme east Tennessee soon disappeared. The mistake was not discovered until notice of the payment was sent to the lumber firm of Snodgrass & Fields, who produced the cancelled check made out on its face for but \$400. The raftman was seen in Knoxville yesterday spending money lavishly.

And Now Comes

with its enervating Spring effects upon the system. Nine people out of ten are in a broken-down condition at this season on account of impurities in the blood. Boils, pimples, and an incessant weariness tell the story. A few bottles of S. S. S.,

Swift's Specific

just now will thoroughly cleanse the blood and renovate the entire system. It is the best Spring tonic, because it is purely vegetable, and is the only blood remedy guaranteed to contain no mercury, potash, or other mineral substance. S. S. S. is the best system-builder on the market; it imparts new energy and improves the appetite. Insist on S. S. S.

There is Nothing Half as Good!